Missiles Acquired by Pakistan

1631. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in Indian Express (Bombay) dated the 13th August, 1991 captioned "Indian remote sensing reaching greater heights" and if so, the information published therein is strategically competitive to meet the acquisition of latest missiles by Pakistan; and

(b) whether involvement of private sector in the manufacture programme of such equipment is expected and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Government have seen the media report in question. The Indian Remote Sensing Programme is denoted only to civil application, for the management of national natural resources, and is in no way connected with the development of Guided Missiles for military purposes.

Fertilizer price hike

1652. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the article which appeared in 'Hindustan Times' dated 7th August, 1991, captioned 'Fertilizer Price Hike will hurt output', if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(b) what is the quantum of Fertilizer used (in percentage) by farmers growing cash crops and depending on well or drain irrigation and depending on rains, yearwise during the last three years and what will be the increase in price due to 30 per cent hike in subsidy in respect of Urea, NPK and Potash etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No article with the above caption appeared in 'Hindustan Times' dated 7th August, 1991. However, an article under the said caption appeared in 'Times of India' on 7th August, 1991.

Increase in fertilizer prices was necessitated on account of increase in cost of production and also increase in international prices of intermediates used in fertilizers and revision in exchange value of the rupee.

As per present estimates of fertilizer consumption during the coming Rabi season, the increase in the price of fertilizers is not likely to affect adversely the demand for fertilizers and, therefore, in turn, agricultural production.

(b) The statistics of consumption of fertilizers is available State-wise and nutrient-wise. It is not collected separately either for different crops or for rainfed and irrigated areas. The following Table gives the consumption of fertilizers in the Country, in material and nutrient terms, during the last three years.

(Lakh tonnes)

Product	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91 (Estimated)
UREA	126·13	125·38	140·77
DAP	34·03	39·26	42·48
SSP	28·39	31·16	36·31
Complexes in P205 form	7·01	7·09	6·65
MOP	12·21	14·70	16·25
Others	10·54	10·44	10·60
Nutrients :			
'N'	72·51	73·86	79·66
'P'	27·21	30·14	32·86
'K'	10·68	11·68	13·24
Total	110·40	115·68	125·76

A statement indicating the pre-re vised and revised prices of various fertilizers is enclosed.

Statement

Retail prices of major fertilizers under statutory price control on various dates

Sl. No.	Name of Fertiliz rs	Price effective from		
		31-1-86	25-7-91	14-8-91
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Urea (46% N)	2350	3300	3060
2	Ammonium Sulphate (20% N)	1650	..	..
3	Calcium Ammonium Nitrate (25% N)	1700	..	..
4	Calcium Ammonium Nitrate (26% N)	1770	..	..
5	Muriate of Potash (60% K)	1300	1820	1700
6	Sulphate of Potash (50% K)	2100	..	..
7	Diammonium Phosphate (18—46—0)	3600	5040	4680
8	N.P.K. (17 : 17 : 17)	2600	3640	3380
9	N.P.K. (15 : 15 : 15)	2100	2940	2740
10	N.P.K. (19 19 : 19)	2950	4140	3840

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11	Ammonium Phosphate Sulphate (20 : 20 :0) .	2600	3640	3380
12	Nitrophosphate (20 : 20 : 0) . . .	2400	3360	3120
13	Nitro Phosphate (23 : 23 : 0) . . .	2930*	4120	3800
14	Ammonium Phosphate Sulphate (16 : 20 : 0) .	2300	3220	3000
15	Urea Ammonium Phosphate (24 : 24 : 0) .	3050	4280	3960
16	Urea Ammonium Phosphate (28 : 28 : 0) .	3600	5040	4680
17	NPK (14 : 28 : 14)	3050	4280	3960
18	NPK (14 : 35 : 14)	3400	4760	4420
19	NPK (10 : 26 : 26)	2950	4140	3840
20	NPK (12 : 32 : 16)	3250	4560	4220
21	Triple Super Phosphate (46% P) (Granular)	2600	3640	3380
22	Triple Super Phosphate (Powder)	2400	3360	3120
23	Single Super Phosphate (Powder) (14% P205)	820	1160	1080
24	Single Super Phosphate (Powder) (16% P205)	950	1340	1240
25	Single Super Phosphate (Granular) (16% P205)	1160	1640	1440
26	Ammonium Chloride (25% N) . . .	1700	..	..

*Price effective from 19-2-1991.

NOTE: The Above price represent the maximum retail prices exclusive of sales-tax and other local taxes.

Firing by Pak Forces on Indian Troops Building Bunkers Along Jammu and Kashmir Border

1633. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that whenever Indian troops resume their work to complete the task of building bunkers and watch towers along the Jammu and Kashmir border, Pakistani forces open heavy firing to discourage the activity;

(b) if so, the number of such occassions when Pakistani troops resorted to firing on the Indian forces stating the sector in which firing took place during the last six months;

(c) what is the extent of loss of men and material; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

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